

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Bomb Hoax Alerts at Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of bomb hoax alerts received in aviation sector during the last three years especially by Air India, airport/ airline-wise;
- (b) the details of investigations that have been undertaken in these cases and number of convictions/penalties imposed thereof, year-wise;
- (c) the number of investigating officers available at airports under Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and whether there has been any shortfall in number of investigating officials under the BCAS, if so, the details thereof;and
- (d) the estimated loss incurred by airlines/airports due to such fake calls?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

- (a): The details, airport-wise, of number of bomb hoax call alerts received during the last three years are annexed.;
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- (b): Investigation is carried out by Local Police. Details in this regard are not centrally maintained.;
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- (c): Nine officers of BCAS have been empowered to investigate cases for a limited purpose of offenses under Suppression of Unlawful Acts Against Safety of Civil Aviation,1982.;
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- (d): Such hoax calls result in loss to airlines in terms of money, time, the consequences arising out of delay in the departure and the situations warranting alternate arrangements to ferry passengers to their destination and the credibility of the airline. Such events equally affect and inconvenience the air passengers. However, it is difficult to quantify loss in monetary terms.;